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SUBJECT: IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT

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1. COMMISSIONER BRUNNER TOLD ME 26 NOV THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT YET DROPPED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED COUNCIL REGULATION (REF B) TO PERMIT THE IAEA-EURATOM SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO FORCE. ACCORDING BRUNNER, THE FRENCH CHARGE HERE EXPECTS HAVE PARIS DECISION NEXT WEEK AND HAS SAID THE SITUATION MAY COME OUT ALL RIGHT. CAZIMAJOU, FRENCH CHARGE ALLEGEDLY STRESSED FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD'S COMMITMENT MADE ON THE SIDE OF LAST EC COUNCIL MEETING THAT HE WOULD CONDUCT POLICY REVIEW. WE NOTE (REFTEL C) BONN ALSO INDICATES GENSCHER PLANNED RAISE BILATERALLY WITH GUIRINGAUD. CAZIMAJOU ALSO ADVISED COMMISSION TO GOVE AMBASSADOR SOUTOU, NEW QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL, TIME TOW WORK ON MATTER. THUS, BRUNNER IS STILL HOPEFUL OF COMMUNITY AGREEMENT AND SAID  
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AGAIN THAT HE WOULD WELCOME US HELP WITH FRENCH.

2. THE MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED SEPARATELY THAT COREPER AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY DECIDED TO PUT OFF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED COUNCIL REGULATION AN ADDITIONAL WEEK IN ORDER TO GIVE THE FRENCH TIME TO COME AROUND. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, A MOVE BY SOME MEMBER STATES (NOTABLY BELGIUM AND THE FRG) TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE THE MATTER AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HAGUE ON NOV 29 (REF C) HAS ALSO BEEN ABANDONED IN THE HOPE THAT FRANCE WILL AGREE TO COMMUNITY RATHER THAN NATIONAL ACTION.

3. BRUNNER SAID THE FRENCH CLAIM THE MEMBER STATES COULD ADOPT THE NECESSARY VERIFICATION OBLIGATION THROUGH NATIONAL ACTION IN THREE MONTHS. BRUNNER SEEMED SATISFIED THAT THE MEMBER STATES CAN INDEED IMPLEMENT THE OBLIGATIONS IN THIS WAY BUT SAID DELAY WOULD BE AWKWARD VIS-A-VIS THE IAEA.

4. BRUNNER ALSO TOLD ME THAT COMMISSION HAS NOW DECIDED TO RISK POSSIBLE TROUBLE WITH GERMAN CDU ELEMENTS IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THAT ACCORDINGLY HE APPEARED NOV 25 BEFORE BOTH ENERGY AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES OF THE PARLIAMENT TO PRESS FOR COMMUNITY APPROACH AND TO EXPLAIN ISSUES. IT WAS IMPLICIT IN THIS THAT COMMISSION HOPES PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL ADD TO PRESSURES ON FRENCH. IN ANY CASE, BRUNNER SAYS ISSUE WILL BE ON PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA FOR DECEMBER WHETHER OR NOT FRENCH POSITION CHANGES. (COMMENT: IT REMAINS FACT, HOWEVER, THAT PARLIAMENT CANNOT FORCE FRENCH HAND AND THAT IF FRENCH DO NOT AGREE, PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION WILL BE JUST THAT, A RESOLUTION.)

5. IN AN ASIDE BRUNNER MENTIONED THAT A PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PLUTONIUM FROM AUSTRIA TO GERMANY IS IN SUSPENSE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF NPT PROVISIONS.

6. WE PERSIST IN VIEW THAT APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH TO FRENCH COULD TIP THE SCALES AND IF SUCCESSFUL, HASTEN IMPLEMENTATION OF IAEA-EURATOM AGREEMENT BY MONTHS,  
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